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ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGISTER UNDER THE CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Having received the necessary ratifications the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space came into force on 15 September 1976. 1/

2. In accordance with article III of the Convention, the Secretary-General has established a register in which information furnished under the Convention shall be recorded. The register will be maintained by the Outer Space Affairs Division of the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. The information submitted for registration under the Convention will be published in each case as a document in a new series of United Nations documents under the symbol ST/SG/SER.E/____. 2/

3. Information to be furnished under the Convention for inclusion in the register is provided in articles IV and V of the Convention which read as follows:

Article IV

1. Each State of registry shall furnish to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as soon as practicable, the following information concerning each space object carried on its registry:

(a) Name of launching State or States;

(b) An appropriate designator of the space object or its registration number;

(c) Date and territory or location of launch;

1/ For the text of the Convention see General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX) of 12 November 1974; the Convention will be reproduced in the United Nations Treaty Series.

2/ Information furnished in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1721 B (XVI) by States launching objects into orbit or beyond will continue to be published as documents of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as at present under the document series A/AC.105/INF.____.

(d) Basic orbital parameters, including:

(i) Nodal period,

(ii) Inclination,

(iii) Apogee, and

(iv) Perigee;

(e) General function of the space object.

2. Each State of registry may, from time to time, provide the Secretary-General of the United Nations with additional information concerning a space object carried on its registry.

3. Each State of registry shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to the greatest extent feasible and as soon as practicable, of space objects concerning which it has previously transmitted information, and which have been but no longer are in earth orbit.

Article V

Whenever a space object launched into earth orbit or beyond is marked with the designator or registration number referred to in article IV (1) (b), or both, the State of registry shall notify the Secretary-General of this fact when submitting the information regarding the space object in accordance with article IV. In such case, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall record this notification in the Register.